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CHARTER.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County:

The petition of the undersigned, Rev. David Van Horne, D.D., Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, D.D., Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., Rudolph F. Kelker, and William H. Seibert, respectfully represents that they are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, associated together for the objects and purposes hereinafter mentioned; and being desirous of having and enjoying all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation or body politic under the act of Assembly entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, have prepared and now present the following certificate and articles of association, setting forth the objects and conditions of the organization, and the name, style and title under which they desire to be incorporated.

DAVID VAN HORNE,	THOMAS S. JOHNSTON,
CHARLES H. LEINBACH,	RUD. F. KELKER,
WILLIAM H. SEIBERT.	

CHARTER.

ARTICLE I. The name, style and title of the corporation shall be "The Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States."

ARTICLE II. Its object shall be to inaugurate and perpetuate Christian missions in foreign lands, and among the Indians in our own country, in accordance with the doctrines, customs and usages of the Reformed Church in the United States, and under the direction of the General Synod thereof.

ARTICLE III. Its chief place of business shall be in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, but other places for the transaction of business may at any time be designated by the General Synod of the aforesaid Church.

ARTICLE IV. The existence of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows: Rev. David Van Horne, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, D.D., near Myerstown, Pa.; Rev. Thomas H. Johnston, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.; Rudolph F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.; William H. Seibert, Harrisburg, Pa.

ARTICLE VI. The Board of Commissioners who shall conduct the

operations of the corporation shall consist of twelve members, eight of whom shall be ministers, and four of whom shall be elders, who shall be elected by the General Synod. The names and residences of the said Board of Commissioners for the year ending with the month of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, are as follows: Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., near Myerstown, Pa.; Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., Lebanon, Pa.; Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., East Greenville, Pa.; Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., Reading, Pa.; Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Collegeville, Pa.; Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D., Cavetown, Md.; Rudolph F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.; William H. Seibert, Harrisburg, Pa.; Goldsborough S. Griffith, Baltimore, Md.; George Gelbach, Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTICLE VII. The Board of Commissioners so elected shall have full power to adopt such constitution and by-laws for their government and for the prosecution of the foreign mission work, and among the Indians aforesaid, as they may deem best, and the same to alter and amend, from time to time, at their pleasure: *Provided*, The provisions thereof are not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Pennsylvania, or the Constitution of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
DAUPHIN COUNTY, } ss

Before me, John S. Lynch, Recorder of the county of Dauphin, personally appeared Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., Rudolph F. Kelker, and William H. Seibert, and in due form of law acknowledged the foregoing certificate of incorporation to be their, and each of their, act and deed for the purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and seal of office this fourth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

[L. S.]

JOHN S. LYNCH,
Recorder.

And now, to wit: April the 25th, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, the foregoing instrument having been presented to me, a law judge of the county of Dauphin, and I having examined the same and found it to be in the proper form, and within the purposes named in the first class specified in the second section of the above-named corporation act of 1874, and it appearing lawful and not injurious to the community, and proof having been made before me of the publication of notice of the application for a charter, in compliance with the requirements of the said act, it is hereby ordered or decreed that this charter is approved, and ordered to be recorded, and on the same being

done, the subscribers thereto and their associates shall be, and they are hereby, created a corporation, for the purposes and upon the terms, stated in said instrument.

By the Court.

R. M. HENDERSON,
Judge.

Certified and attested this 25th day of April, A.D. 1881.

[L. s.]

EHRMAN B. MITCHELL,
Prothonotary.

DAUPHIN COUNTY, ss:

Recorded April 25, 1881, in the office for the recording of deeds as in and for said county, in charter book B, page 386.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, at Harrisburg, the day and year aforesaid.

[L. s.]

JOHN S. LYNCH,
Recorder.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The Board at its first meeting after the regular sessions of the General Synod shall proceed to organize by the election of officers, viz: a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve until the next regular meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE II.

At all meetings of the Board the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or, in the absence of both, a member appointed by the Board for that purpose, shall preside. The President in the discharge of the duties of his office shall be governed by the rules of order adopted by the General Synod. He shall also prepare a report of the transactions of the Board during his term of office, which, after approval by the same, shall be presented to the General Synod at its next general session.

ARTICLE III.

The Vice-President, in the absence or inability of the President, shall perform all the duties pertaining to that office.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Board; notify all the members of the time and place of all regular and special meetings; conduct correspondence

with the Missionaries, and promptly communicate to the Executive Committee such information in relation to the mission work as will be necessary to its successful prosecution. He shall also, in all cases, give to the Missionaries such instructions and explanations as the Board may direct, and shall explicitly inform them that in no case they are to depart therefrom. He shall also audit the accounts of outgoing, returning or discharged foreign missionaries before the final settlement of the same, and all bills for incidental expenses before they are presented to the Treasurer for payment. And he shall certify to the Treasurer all moneys granted, or expenditures authorized in pursuance of the action of the Board. He shall also record a statement of all the property of the Board and of any conveyance thereof, or other proceedings touching the same. He shall be allowed a compensation, at the discretion of the Board, sufficient to cover the necessary expenses incurred in the prosecution of his work. At the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver up to his successor all the archives, records, books and papers then in his hands belonging to the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account, showing all receipts and disbursements, and all other financial affairs connected with the treasury of this Board. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall execute a bond for \$5,000 as security, which shall be approved by the Executive Committee, and placed in the custody of the Secretary. He shall, under the advice of the Executive Committee, keep all the uninvested moneys of the Board on deposit in some safe bank or banks, in the name of the Board, subject to the order of its Treasurer. He shall honor all orders of the Board or Executive Committee, drawn on the Treasurer, signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary, and shall pay all drafts and furnish letters of credit or bills of exchange for the support of Foreign Missions, within the several appropriations made by the Board or Executive Committee. He shall be subject to the direction of the Executive Committee and of the Board in respect to all investments, loans, and other financial affairs of the Board. He shall report the state of the funds, and whenever required exhibit his books, vouchers and securities at any meetings of the Board or Executive Committee. He shall have the custody of the seal of the Board, and affix the same to such instruments of writing as the Board or Executive Committee shall direct, and when real estate shall be conveyed he shall make the conveyance and affix the seal to the deeds of the same. At the close of his term he shall prepare an itemized statement of all moneys received and disbursed by him, which shall be audited and approved by the Board and presented to the General Synod, and deliver up to his successor in office all the books, papers, moneys and effects of every description belonging to the corporation, then remaining in his hands.

ARTICLE VI.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Board, and two additional members thereof, who shall be chosen by the Board at its first regular meeting after the session of the General Synod. And in case any vacancy shall occur in said Executive Committee from any cause, the remaining members of said committee shall have power to fill the same. It shall have the general oversight of all the work of foreign missions. When impracticable to secure a meeting of the Board, it shall be endued with all the powers of the same to meet any emergency which may occur, and which requires immediate action, in which case it may appropriate such moneys as may be necessary for the purchase or preservation of property or relief of the Missionaries, or for incidental expenses. It shall hold quarterly meetings, viz: Second Tuesday in June, September, December and March. Four members thereof shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The President and Secretary of the Board shall be the President and Secretary of the Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

The regular meeting of the Board shall be held as follows: The second Tuesday in June succeeding each session of the General Synod, and the first Tuesday in May preceding each session of the same, and at such other time as the Board may appoint. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the Executive Committee, on two weeks' notice to all members; seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any vacancy occurring by death, resignation or otherwise may be filled by the Board, at any regular meeting, provided that the members so elected be ministers or elders in good and regular standing in the Reformed Church of the United States, and in all cases such election shall be for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IX.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Scriptures, with other devotional exercises.
2. Reading and approval of minutes of the preceding meetings.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Report of Secretary.
6. Report of Executive Committee.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. New business.
9. Prayer or benediction.

ARTICLE X.

The Board shall not alter or amend the provisions of this Constitution except at a regular meeting thereof, nor at the same meeting at which such alteration or amendment may be proposed, nor unless two-thirds of the members present shall vote for the same.

P. S.—At a meeting of the Board, May 6, 1890, it was resolved “That hereafter an annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday of March, at which time the annual reports of the Missionaries and the students shall be presented, and the appropriations made for the fiscal year.”

The following was ordered to be attached to the Constitution:

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

LEGACY OF MONEY.

1. I give and bequeath unto the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, incorporated at Harrisburg, Pa., April 25, 1881, the sum of to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of the Board.

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

2. I give and devise unto the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, incorporated at Harrisburg, April 25, 1881, (here describe the property or ground-rent), together with the appurtenances in fee simple.

By act of Assembly, 26th April, 1855, a devise or bequest to charitable use is void, unless the same be done by will, attested by two credible and disinterested witnesses, at least thirty days before the decease of the testator.

REPORT TO GENERAL SYNOD.

SEVENTH TRIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

With profound gratitude to the God of Missions for His wise counsel and loving care, as also for the blessed fruits with which He has been graciously pleased to crown our labors, we submit this Seventh Triennial Report of our stewardship to your Reverend Body.

After the meeting of General Synod in May, 1896, at which the retiring members of the Board of Foreign Missions, namely: Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., Rev. P. Greding, D.D., Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., and Elders Jos. L. Lemberger and Benjamin Kuhns, were re-elected for the term of six years, the Board, agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution, met in Salem Reformed Church, in Harrisburg, Pa., on June 30, 1896, for re-organization. The names of the re-elected members were retained on the roll, and the Board was re-organized by the re-election of its former Board of Officers, to wit: Rev. Jas. I. Good, D.D., President; Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., Vice-President; Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., Secretary, and Elder Jos. L. Lemberger, Ph.M., Treasurer, for the term of three years.

The Executive Committee was constituted by the re-appointment of Rev. A. R. Bartholomew and Elder J. Z. Gerhard, M.D., to serve with the officers of the Board, agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution.

The regular meeting, three quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee, and one of the full Board were duly held each year, together with special meetings of the Board, called together by the Executive Committee, as occasion required.

These meetings, impressed with a deep sense of the gravity and sacred import of the service with which they were charged, seeking the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, endeavored

to administer their trust, and enact such measures as commanded their judgment, in the light and under guidance of the help accorded them from on high.

THE GENERAL WORK.

During the last three years the scope of our work in general, and the number of preaching stations have been enlarged, and a still greater enlargement has been restrained by the want of a sufficient number of native evangelists. The labors of our missionaries have been untiring, and their hearts have been made glad, and their hands strengthened by the precious harvest of souls they were permitted to gather; yet while the increase of our principal stations from one to three during this period; the exceptional prosperity of some of our congregations, notably in the city of Tokyo; the greatly enlarged facilities for aid to indigent students by the reorganization and improved resources of the *Industrial Home*, and especially the goodly number of souls who have been baptized and gathered into the fold of Christ; there are aspects of the missionary work in Japan, common to all the Protestant Missions in the Empire, which, while not disheartening, call for an exercise of faith in God, and a measure of patient waiting which were not so keenly felt several years ago.

The progress of events in Japan, since 1856, social, political and religious, has been the wonder and admiration of the civilized world; and the nation seemed to be awakening from the sleep of centuries. Within the last few years, especially since her war with China, she is coming to realize that there is vastly more in modern civilization than in her earlier self-sufficiency she imagined, and that the transition from an absolute to a smoothly-running constitutional form of government, is not to be effected by an imperial edict or a simple enactment of her parliament, but that the assumption of a position of equality with the advanced nations of the west, involves vastly more than had dawned upon her unlessoned mind. Her emergence into a consciousness of these facts, is producing a state of excitement which at times seems almost to portend civil conflict. What with the amazing strides she is making in com-

mercial and manufacturing interests, in military and naval affairs, in politics, and the adjustment of the relations of the people to the national diet, and the national diet to the government and the throne; these, together with the apprehended effects of the provisions of the revised treatise which will become operative in July, 1899, have had the effect, especially during the last year or two, to produce a state of intense excitement and commotion throughout the Empire.

The effect of this general agitation and the passing away of the old order is to divert attention from the claims of Christianity. Buddhism, Shintoism and Confucianism are equally involved in the general demoralization. Among the student class this is especially noteworthy. The large majority of them are professed Agnostics. Next in point of numbers, but greatly reduced, come the Atheists, while numbering about two-thirds of these last come the non-committals. The agnostics and non-committals, who together number more than five-sixths of the total, we may believe, have lost all faith in their old religions, and, carried away by the all-absorbing material interests, have not seriously considered the claims of Christianity. The Buddhists especially, reading the hand-writing on the wall, are putting forth desperate efforts to regain their former ascendancy, but manifestly with very indifferent success.

While it is true that in the midst of the prevalence of material interests, the progress of Christianity has suffered an arrest so far as practical results are concerned—large numbers of its professed adherents growing indifferent or openly turning aside, there is an evident permeation, a growing leavening progress of the principles of the religion of Christ to a wide extent among the thinking and educated classes. As a civilizing, humane and moral agency it is making large progress in the estimation of the people. And there are not a few who, discarding their former cults, intellectually accept Christianity, but are not yet prepared to openly avow their faith and acceptance. And competent observers are assuring us that as an under-current, a work of preparation is deeply progressing, which, with the Divine blessing, will mature in a wide acceptance of its claims and an open profession of its faith. Mean-

while it is worthy of especial note, that notwithstanding the widespread indifference, and the sad defection of many professors, the actual number of faithful and hopeful adherents has suffered no material reduction. Our missionaries report the ingathering of quite an encouraging number of hopeful converts, and while contending with discouragements not a few, they see in the results realized during the past three years, the manifest blessing of God upon their labors, and are inspired and energized to press forward with new hope.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

For the last three years the evangelistic work was prosecuted with usual vigor, and with quite as encouraging success as the prevailing popular agitation and political commotion permitted. Our missionaries were diligent and laborious, and the general work was successful in winning an encouraging number of converts. The congregation in Tokyo, formerly called the Nihon Bashi, now named *Kanda Church*, had long been in a feeble condition. After Dr. Moore's removal to Tokyo, under his vigorous administration, together with the substitution for its old and inefficient evangelist, a young and devoted native worker, the Rev. H. Shimanuki, one of the early graduates of the Tohoku Gakuin, the church put on new life and vigor. A new church building took the place of the old, delapidated structure; members who had grown cold and remiss resumed their places with new spirit and devotion, while converts were gathered in (forty-four adults were baptized during last year), doubling the active membership.

A change was made in the superintendency of the Evangelistic Work. The whole field, instead of remaining in charge of Rev. Dr. Moore as Principal of the entire work, was divided, Dr. Moore retaining the oversight of the southern section, comprising the city of Tokyo and vicinity, while to Rev. H. K. Miller was assigned the northern section, who was directed to locate in the city of Yamagata. Under this distribution of our field, the work went forward successfully, the number of preaching stations increasing to the full ability of our available native workers to supply.

While there has been an increase in the number of new converts, yet in consequence of the disturbed state of the country, the removals of the people to remote sections,—which is characteristic of the Japanese, removing from one section to another,—and a consequent loss of interest in religion by but too many church members, the number of regular active members has come to be a little less than it was three years ago. The purging of the rolls, and the dropping of names after three years of unexplained absence, has sadly reduced numbers. It has, however, left the rolls purged of unreliable material, and exhibits a body of devout, earnest and trustworthy Christians.

THE MISSIONARIES.

The following changes have taken place in the personnel of our missionaries:

Rev. M. Oshikawa, desiring to devote a part of his time to general educational and evangelistic work beyond the scope of our Mission, requested that he be relieved of service in the Tohoku Gakuin about one-half his time, and that his salary be accordingly reduced one-half. The arrangement was approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Mission.

Two additional missionaries were sent out within the last three years, namely, Mr. Paul Lambert Gerhard, to fill the chair of English Language and Literature in the Tohoku Gakuin, and Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh as an additional teacher in the Girls School. Miss Rohrbaugh was sent out with the approval of the W. M. S. G. S., which Society has assumed the support of the School.

Within the last year two of our missionaries have been sorely afflicted, viz., Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. W. E. Hoy. Dr. Moore has been, and still is, totally disabled with a grave heart ailment—an *aneurism*. He has enjoyed the care and treatment of expert European physicians, who have reached the conclusion, and accordingly have advised, notwithstanding their apprehension of the effects of a sea voyage, that his only hope of recovery is for him to go to Southern California. The Board, under the circumstances, has granted him a furlough and by late intelligence has learned of the safe arrival of Dr. and Mrs.

Moore at San Francisco, Cal., on April 28, 1899. Rev. Mr. Hoy experienced such a severe recurrence of asthma, with which he has been afflicted a number of years, as to necessitate a temporary change of climate. He accordingly, with the approbation of the Mission, visited China. While there he made wide observations, and diligent inquiry of resident and experienced missionaries, and gained large and important information as to the terrible condition of that benighted people, and the crying need of greatly-enlarged missionary service.

Rev. H. K. Miller was married April 12, 1898, to Miss Sarah S. Sprague, of the Protestant Episcopal Mission in Japan. Agreeably to the direction of the Board, he left Sendai, Nov. 15, 1898, to make his residence in Yamagata, some fifty miles northwest of Sendai, thus establishing the third principal station in our field. Rev. Mr. Miller accomplished the journey on his bicycle, and Mrs. Miller in a jinrickisha, there being no public facilities for travel. It is expected, however, that railroad communication will be established in the near future. These two missionaries are the only foreigners in a city of some 20,000 inhabitants.

Rev. D. B. Schneder spent some 18 months in this country and Germany, on furlough, and after rendering most valuable service in pleading the cause of Foreign Missions among our churches, returned to his field of labor the 3d of last May.

Mrs. D. B. Schneder has for several years been the managing head of a Woman's Society in Sendai, whose labors were for the accumulation of a fund for the erection of a new church building in place of the delapidated structure heretofore occupied. While in this country, with the approval of the Board, she traveled extensively throughout our Church, soliciting special aid for this enterprise. Her most effective plea not only secured the remaining deficit, but at the same time imparted such stirring information which served to awaken an interested and helpful enthusiasm in the cause of Foreign Missions, among our people.

The remaining members of the Mission, Revds. Mr. Noss, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Paul L. Gerhard, together with the lady teachers in the Girls' School, are successfully engaged in their

several branches of the work, while after seven years of service, Miss Hollowell is at present in this country on furlough.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The primary aim in the establishment of our Educational Institutions in Sendai, namely, the training of a native ministry, continues to be successfully realized. Thirty-one have graduated from the Theological Department, and nine others have taken partial courses. Some six of these have turned aside to secular pursuits, a few have adopted the profession of teachers, while the remainder are engaged in evangelistic work, or are serving in some capacity in connection with our Institutions in Sendai. This number, while quite encouraging for the time during which graduates have been leaving the Seminary, but inadequately meets the pressing demands of our expanding work. These young evangelists in point of devotion, self-sacrifice, and consecrated zeal, are, with but slight exceptions, realizing the expectations of their teachers, and under the oversight and direction of our missionaries are accomplishing, in large part, the successful work of winning the increasing number of converts to Christ.

At the last commencement nine graduated from the Theological Department, seven of whom have entered actively upon evangelistic work; one upon teaching, and the ninth, after laboring satisfactorily for several months as an evangelist, overcome by a spirit of melancholy and doubt as to his call to the service, has retired from the work. This unusually large number of graduates, has greatly depleted the number of students, and as a consequence the classes for the next year or two will be very small.

In consequence of the sharp competition of the government schools; the fact that the students in these schools enjoyed a decided advantage in securing government appointments, as also employment in business pursuits, and especially as they, during their school days, were exempt from military conscription, which was not extended to students in Christian schools, these, together with the untiring hostility of the Buddhist priests, has had the effect of reducing the number of students

in the *Tohoku Gakuin*, as also in other Christian schools in the Empire. We are glad, however, to be able to say that the government has issued an order to the effect that the same privileges and exemptions enjoyed by the students in the government schools should be extended to those in Christian schools, thus removing one of the most effectual barriers to the progress of our educational work.

The *Industrial Home*, connected with the Tohoku Gakuin, not realizing expectations under the management of Rev. M. Oshikawa, was placed under the direct care of the Mission. Rev. S. S. Snyder was appointed manager. Under his most efficient administration and untiring care, the institution has attained a surprising measure of success. Without the financial aid of the Board, he has secured for the institution a home of its own, with the necessary appurtenances and facilities for the profitable employment of the labor of the inmates, which has rendered it about self-supporting. By the splendid liberality of three brothers of Mrs. S. S. Snyder,—the Messrs. Souder,—six adjoining lots of ground have been purchased, which grounds have been named the "Souder Garden." On these grounds buildings have been erected for the Home, and the remaining space is cultivated by the inmates as a vegetable garden, the produce, beyond the needs of the Home, is marketed by the students for its benefit. There has been added to the plant a piece of ground for the use of the dairy, and suitable buildings have been erected. The funds for these improvements and additions are largely the proceeds of the sale of the Japanese curios, in which Rev. Mr. Snyder happily succeeded in interesting a large number of his Christian Endeavor and other friends in this country. He has not yet succeeded in cancelling all obligations incurred, but without aid from the Board's depleted treasury, he expects to raise the necessary means. There has also been added to the general equipment of the Home, a small printing plant. This, too, is to be operated by the inmates. Thus will they be taught a useful trade, while the facilities for creating a literature, already commenced, and securing additional revenue to the Home, are provided. Tracts have already

been published and widely distributed, and Rev. Mr. Hoy is publishing a small periodical, all in the Japanese language.

The Girls' School is in a prosperous condition. Experiencing no material competition from government schools, the number of scholars continues about the same, which is about as large as can be accommodated with existing facilities and resources. It has been under the care and successful management of the Misses Zurfluh and Hollowell, and on the arrival of Miss Rohrbaugh enjoyed such additional service as she was able to render while acquiring the language. Miss Rohrbaugh was sent out in response to the urgent request of the Mission, and with the formal approval of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod. She reached Japan Aug. 26, 1897.

FINANCES.

The Board exceedingly regrets that it is under the necessity of presenting a much less favorable financial report than three years ago. In consequence of the loss sustained by the robbery of our treasury in Japan of nearly \$5,000, the circumstances under which it occurred having already been spread before the Church; the cost of sending out two new missionaries, the appropriation of between \$2,000 and \$3,000, in aid of the erection of new churches in Japan, and the increased expense of missionaries going and coming on furlough (Rev. Mr. Hoy's return, Rev. Mr. Schneder's coming home and returning, and Miss Hollowell's coming home), together with the failure of the Church to make a reasonable approximation in its contributions to the apportionment, has caused an accumulation of arrears which has assumed the form of an embarrassing debt.

Unless the Easter offerings should prove to be unusually large the present deficit, together with the quarterly payment now due, will leave a remaining indebtedness of several thousand dollars. The Treasurer's Report will exhibit the precise amount.

In the administration of the solemn trust committed to its hands, the Board was cramped by the want of means. Its steady aim was to avoid the necessity of a damaging reduction of appropriations to the work, such as have been forced upon some of the largest and oldest Boards in the United

States. It congratulates the Church that, up to this time, no such curtailment of our Japan work has been made, but unhappily it has been preserved intact at the expense of our present indebtedness.

Meanwhile the Board has been compelled to turn a deaf, but not an unsympathizing ear to the most urgent and entirely reasonable requests of the brethren, for the provision of comfortable houses for some of our missionaries. Other Boards, to a goodly extent, provide their missionaries with comfortable residences. But three (Mr. Gerhard boarding with Rev. Hoy) besides the ladies in the Girl's School are thus provided for in Sendai. Japanese houses, built largely of paper, in which some of our faithful workers have been compelled to live, afford but little better protection and comfort during the cold season than a shanty. The complaints of the sufferers are becoming urgent, and indeed insistent, and the Board keenly sympathizes with them and their families, and would be more than glad to relieve them, were it in their power.

As regards the wants of the Board during the coming three years, it would beg respectfully to say, that if our work in Japan is to suffer no arrest, and to make the progress for which we have favorable Providential indications, besides providing for the concellation of the debt, the sum of \$35,000 a year is asked for. And General Synod is most urgently and importunately requested to take such action as will secure not simply two-thirds of the annual amount, but the full sum.

Your Board has learned with pain that it has been subjected to strictures in the matter of the disbursement of the funds intrusted to it, which it cannot but regard as unjust. Especially has the amount of *home expenses* been criticised. The Treasurer's attention was called to this fact; and after a very careful investigation he reports our home expenses to be $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the gross receipts. This is unquestionably a very favorable exhibit, as compared with the home expenses of other Foreign Boards. Twice the amount of our receipts could be administered with but a small increase in home expenses, as the smaller amount requires as costly an organi-

zation, as would suffice, with inconsiderable increase, for the larger.

ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN.

The growth of our work and the enlargement of our territory in Japan, demands the consideration of the question whether or not we should enlarge our force of workers in that field. A growing demand for evangelistic work is constraining the attention and energies of our lady teachers in the Girls' School. They are endeavoring to keep in touch with their scholars after leaving school. This is esteemed to be indispensable in view of the tremendous disabilities and dangers to which woman is subjected in Japan. Our teachers aim to visit them in their homes, far and near, to cherish and strengthen their spiritual life. At the same time they reach other native women whom our male missionaries cannot. There being but three lady teachers, with one of them absent on furlough a considerable part of the time, the teaching and evangelistic work devolves practically upon two,—a burden too heavy to be borne. What is needed is an additional lady, whose duties will be primarily evangelistic. This is a most important branch of our work,—the establishment of the Christian Home.

Our work also calls loudly for an additional missionary to serve as traveling evangelist for the whole northern section of our field. The young native evangelists are not yet competent to successfully manage their work without the oversight of an American minister. This service is indispensable; and the workers in Sendai have neither the time nor the strength for its adequate performance. In addition it may be said, that if we would not practically forego our long-cherished purpose of occupying the Hokkaido, the presence of a resident missionary in that northern island is essential to success. In a word, if we are to keep pace with the leadings of Providence, our work in Japan calls urgently for three additional workers—one lady and two men.

THE PROPOSED NEW MISSION.

The General Synod at its meeting in Dayton, Ohio, in May, 1896, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Board is hereby authorized if, in its judgment it be expedient to do so, to start a mission in China or such other field as may seem to the Board most needy and promising."

The establishment of the contemplated new mission being, by this resolution, made contingent upon the favorable judgment of the Board, it hastened to take steps to gain the information necessary to enable it to reach an intelligent judgment on the subject. Correspondence was opened with Rev. E. B. Saure, a son of a deceased minister of our Reformed Church, laboring as a missionary in China, under the China Inland Mission, from whom very valuable information was secured; the President of our Board conferred with officers of the Presbyterian and Reformed (Dutch) Foreign Boards, from whom very full and helpful information was gained. Further information was sought elsewhere from persons informed on the subject and from various publications, also very helpful information was secured from our Rev. W. E. Hoy. As above stated the failure of his health necessitated a vacation and a temporary change of climate. He spent three months in China; visited a number of Missions; and conferred extensively with some of the oldest, most experienced and widely-informed missionaries in that Empire. This, together with his careful observations of the deplorable moral and religious condition of the people, enabled him to furnish the home Church with a full and entirely convincing account of the crying need of a larger missionary effort for the christianizing of that benighted land.

Meanwhile the Board had become well satisfied that there existed the greatest need and opportunity for enlarged missionary service in China, and was restrained from planting a mission there only by the want of means, and the evident lack of a sufficiently-advanced state of preparation in the Church at home. There was, however, a large and earnest sentiment

favorable to a prompt forward movement, expressed throughout the Church, and urged by this the Board was led to discuss the question whether it should not go forward and plant the new mission, even though the means were not in hand, and in faith commit it to the care and support of the Church? But it was deemed wise, in view of the existing deficiency in its finances, and the knowledge that its expediency at this time was seriously questioned by not a few in the Church, to secure an expression of the prevailing sentiment on the subject, before venturing to take the step. The Secretary of the Board was accordingly directed to submit to each of the Classes, at the annual meeting in 1898, the question, "Do you favor the early planting of a new Mission in China or elsewhere, and are you willing to increase your contributions to Foreign Missions sufficiently to support it?" To this question 53 replies were received as follows: Affirmative, 17, two of which were injuriously qualified; negative, 22; indefinite or no action, 14. The Board not feeling warranted to take the step, with this expression of sentiment before it, concluded to refer the whole question to this meeting of General Synod, and ask for further instructions.

ACTION OF THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

The Board would beg leave to incorporate in its Triennial Report the action of the Synod of the Interior, as furnished by its Stated Clerk, Rev. D. B. Shuey, under date of November 2d, 1898, touching the matter of planting a new Mission.

"The Synod of the Interior at its late meeting held in Fairview, Kansas, passed the following resolutions:

"1. That we give the Foreign Board not merely our sanction to their desire to extend their work, but that we as a Synod urge them to press forward into new fields; assuring them that it is our confidence that the work in which they are engaged is not merely man's work done under God's permission, but that it is God's work to the accomplishment of which He has commissioned them and us, and that He has promised

to be with us always and will not allow His work to come to nought.

"2. That we pay the amount apportioned to us for the Foreign work, and that we pledge ourselves that if the Board will enter China or some other new field, we will increase our support five cents a member, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to notify the Board.

"3. That we overture the Foreign and Home Boards to consider the propriety of beginning missionary operations in Porto Rico or Cuba and that we pledge them our support."

COMITY AND UNOCCUPIED FIELDS.

At the Sixth Conference of the Foreign Missions Boards of the United States and Canada, held in New York City, Jan. 11-13, 1898, a resolution was adopted "That a Committee on Comity and Unoccupied Fields be appointed to correspond with Boards and Societies relative to the most economical distribution of the missionary force supported by the American and Canadian churches, and for the general purpose of bringing about a great practical advance in co-operation (especially in higher education) as one of the chief results of the Conference of 1900." The charge laid upon this Committee was a careful study and investigation of the vitally important questions submitted to them, and to present a general report on the principles that seem to be involved. At the meeting of the Seventh Conference, held in New York, Jan. 10-12, 1899, said Committee presented its report, copies of which have come into the hands of your Board.

Of such gravity and vital importance are the general principles laid down in this report, that our Board directed that they should be incorporated in its Triennial Report, not alone for the information of this General Synod, but also that through your Reverend Body they might widely reach the membership of our Church. These principles are as follows:

1. *Church Union.* The aim of the mission movement should be, it appears to us, the establishment of a common Christian Church in each land, and not the extension and perpetuation of those divisions of the Church which owe their

origin to historic situations significant to us, but of little or no significance to the young mission churches.

2. *Territorial Divisions.* If all missionaries were working for the establishment of one common Church, the only consideration in behalf of territorial divisions of the field or the suggestion of separate local departments of responsibility would be the consideration of economical distribution of force. As it is, we must add to this consideration the other, namely, the avoidance, by the occupation of separate fields of work, of all occasions of disagreement and rivalry—different missions should work without crossing lines.

3. *Comity in Discipline and Administration.* Every mission should respect the acts of discipline and the principles of administration of other missions. Converts or native workers leaving one mission or the churches connected with it and seeking admission or employment elsewhere, should not be received without conference between the two parties.

4. *The Spirit of Comity in the Use of Mission Money.* There should be agreement between missions whose work is contiguous as to the scale of wages of native workers. Dr. Warneck has even contended, "as there is a danger that native helpers may exchange one community for another purely from selfish motives, they should receive no appointment; or, at any rate, no higher salary than that had in their previous position."

5. *Education, Publishing and Hospitals.* In our judgment one hospital (or one for men and one for women) should suffice, as a rule, for one mission station. Through co-operative division of labor the waste of time in duplicating literary work should be avoided; and the work of publication is of such a character that where one mission press exists, and can do the work required by other missions, other presses should not be established. In the same way in institutions for higher education, already established by one mission, young men should be placed and trained by other missions without the great expense and absorption of time demanded by the establishment of other institutions of the same grade. In all these cases, a mission

using the educational or publishing agencies of another mission, should meet the proper financial obligation so incurred.

6. *Questions of Comity are involved in the intermarriage of missionaries of different societies.* Should not a missionary leaving the society which sent her to the field, within one year of her arrival, return or have returned on her account, the amount expended by her society for her outfit and traveling expenses? For each year beyond the first year, 25 per cent. should be deducted from these expenses in fixing an equitable return, and that after four years she shall be regarded as having discharged all such obligations by the service rendered.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

Your Board is happy in being able to report to your Reverend Body, that in consequence of the deepening and growing interest in the cause of missions to the heathen, throughout the world, arrangements are being made for the convening of an Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions in the City of New York, from April 21 to May 1, 1900. To this Conference, the Committee of Arrangements has extended invitations to Protestant Mission Boards and Societies throughout the world, asking them to be represented by delegates. A very large attendance is expected, and is hoped and anticipated that its deliberations and deliverances will, with the blessing of God, conduce largely to the awakening of a greatly increased interest, and intensified activity throughout the Christian world in this holy cause. Your Board has been invited by the Committee of Arrangements to be represented in this Conference by two regular delegates. The invitation has been accepted, and Rev. Jas. I. Good, D.D., and Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., have been appointed as said delegates.

This General Synod will doubtless receive official notice of the meeting of this Conference, so that further notice at this time by your Board, is unnecessary.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

The members of the Board whose term of service, according to the established order, expires with this meeting of Gen-

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION OF THE REFORMED CHURCH
In the United States, for the year extending from January 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898.

ORGANIZED CHURCHES.	When Begun.	Com'micant Members.			Gains.				Losses.				Average Attendance at Worship.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of S. S. Scholars.	Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Expenses.				Contributed by Believers for all Purposes.	Aid Granted by the Mission.	Church B'ldgs Owned.					
		No. of Meeting Places.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Baptized Children.	Adult Baptisms.	Confession of Faith. Letters.	Infant Baptisms.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissals.						Excluded.	Total.	Paid for Preachers' Salaries.	All other Expenses.				Total.				
Sendai.....	1881	1	150	110	260	4	24	2	11		37	2	10	243	255	150	1	170	1	1	247 00	76 98	323 98	487 60	1	1	1		
Tsukigata.....	1893	1	50	30	80	11	7	1	3		8	1	7	3	4	53	1	48	1	1	144 00	52 91	196 91	216 12	1	1	1		
Hakodate.....	1887	1	69	51	120	1	17	1	3		20	1	7	37	3	35	1	37	1	1	264 00	106 13	370 13	457 95			1		
Ishinomaki.....	1881	1	41	23	64	8	16	1	1	2	20	2	10	18	30	23	1	37	1	1	210 00	95 04	305 04	114 69	204 00		1		
Iwanuma.....	1885	1	16	19	35	5	5	1	2		7	1	2		3	13	1	53	1	1	110 00	35 00	145 00	109 08	50 00				
Iizaka.....	1890	1	34	17	51	7	4	1	2		4	1	14	15	52	1	53	1	1	1	60 00	41 00	101 00	110 35					
Tokyo, Kanda.....	1884	1	109	64	173	6	44	6			50	10		10	15	82	1	75	1	1	368 00	128 00	498 00	211 85	398 00	1	1	1	
Tokyo, Ichibaicho.....	1886	1	150	123	273	6									74	1	22	1	1	1	24 00	316 81	340 81	479 76			1		
Totals.....		8	619	437	1056	37	114	6	24	2	146	7	40	278	325	482	8	485	5	6	1427 00	853 87	2280 87	1699 80	642 00			6	
UNORGANIZED COMPANIES OF BELIEVERS																													
Sorachifuto.....	1893	1	12	9	21		1				1	1		1	15	1	40	1	1	1	96 00	97 17	193 17	32 20	35 00				
Kushiro.....	1893	1	10	7	17										1	10													
Akita.....	1892	1	7	3	10										1	5					140 00	7 98	147 98	6 61	144 20				
Tsurugaoka.....	1888	1	22	6	28			2			2					8			1	1	240 00	48 11	288 11	22 41	272 50				
Sakata.....	1898	1	3	3	6											7			1	1	85 00	65 42	150 42	49 00	150 42			1	
Yamagata.....	1887	1	23	12	35							6	8	14	5	1	40				7 40	63 50	70 90	49 00	200 00			1	
Kaminoyama.....	1886	1	12	12	24	8										7	1	13	1	1	180 00	12 22	192 22	18 08	180 00				
Yonezawa.....	1890	1	24	12	36	3	2	2			4	1		1	11	1	40				270 00	96 50	366 50	81 70	310 50				
Furukawa.....	1881	1	6	8	14											2	2	19	1	1	216 00	75 33	291 33	12 32	279 00				
Sambongi.....	1894	1	2	3	5											2						5 03	5 03		5 03				
Matsuyama.....	1889	1	10	3	13		2				2					8	1	20				42 80	42 80	11 80	35 00				
Yoshioka.....	1892	1	11	7	18											6	1	8	1	1	112 50	39 40	151 90	49 65	121 40				
Tome.....	1886	1	19	15	34	11	11		2		13	1	2	1	4	10	1	9	1	1	220 00	18 20	238 20	24 52	230 00	1	1	1	
Nanakita.....	1894	1														1	40					12 00	12 00		12 00				
Tsutsujigaoka.....	1892	1	1	3	4											4	1	30			195 50	76 50	272 00		255 50				
Kitagobaicho.....	1889	1														1	18												
Kitakajimachi.....	1892	1	4		4		4									4	1	90	1	1	195 50	71 78	267 28	80	265 96				
Kwakyojin.....	1892	1														1	60						36 00	36 00		36 00			
Seko Kyokwai.....	1893	1		7	7	2						1	5		6	7	1	28	1	1	231 00	16 51	247 51	17 46	255 50	1	1	1	
Aramachi.....	1889	1	2	1	3	2	3		2		5					1	55			1	145 00	47 67	192 67	80	178 50				
Fukuromachi.....	1894	1														1	51												
Furushiro.....	1895	1														1	51												
Nagamachi.....	1891	1	3	3	6		2	3			5	1		1	6	1	51			1	175 00	39 23	214 23	170	184 00	1	1	1	
Masuda.....	1891	1	12	2	14	3	2	4			6					7	1	31	1	1	96 00	92 98	188 98	32 91	132 81				
Ogawara.....	1892	1	1	1												1	1	40			96 00	13 98	109 98	50	107 67				
Shiroishi and Miya.....	1889	2	35	18	53		19				19	1	14	15	18	1	20	1	1	1	204 00	55 49	259 49	73 85	204 00				
Watari.....	1892	1	5	5	10							1	1		2	12	1	15				39 60	39 60	18 68	27 60				
Kakuda and Marumori.....	1894	2	21	5	26										1	16	1	10	1	1	240 00	89 71	329 71	41 15	292 20				
Nagaoka.....	1888	1	23	3	26		5				5	1		1	15	1	40				60 00	5 00	65 00	69 16					
Fukushima.....	1886	2	29	11	40			1			1	1	1	1	3	14	1	26	1	1	300 00	48 83	348 83	19 73	333 00	1	1	1	
Wakamatsu.....	1894	1	16	4	20	3	1	4	3		8	2		2	23	1	80	2	1	1	120 00	52 96	172 96	55 61	120 00				
Kawamata.....	1890	2	25	5	30		5	2			7	1	1	2	11	1	18	1	1	1	204 00	57 42	261 42	73 35	204 00				
Sukagawa.....	1891	1	20	10	30																								
Nakamura.....	1886	3	68	59	127		5	2			7	2	3	2	7	32	1	54	1	1	308 00	38 35	346 35	61 28	394 05	1	1	1	
Taira.....	1894	3	13	4	17		3		2		5				35	35	14	1	20	1	1	185 00	19 91	204 91	33 26	235 83			
Iwatsuki.....	1884	1	18	13	31	13	5		1		6						14	1	20	1	1	215 00	36 65	251 65	59 88	256 45			
Hasuda and Nagamiya.....	1898	2	7	2	9		3				3					6						22 80	22 80	4 00	21 00				
Koshigaya.....	1884	1	25	25	50	21	14	3	2		19	1		1	21	1	74	1	1	1	217 50	71 24	288 50	45 35	219 85	1	1	1	
Totals.....		48	489	272	761	56	87	3	20	12	122	9	26	63	98	319	32	1138	3	19	4754 40	1516 27	6270 37	917 76	5518 97			15	
Grand Totals.....		56	1108	709	1817	93	201	9	44	14	268	16	66	341	423	801	40	1623	8	25	6181 40	2370 14	8551 24	2617 56	6160 97			15	

eral Synod are: Rev. Jas. I. Good, D.D., Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D.D., Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Elders J. Z. Gerhard, M.D., and Elder J. Y. Dietz. Those holding over for three years are, Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., Rev. P. Greding, D.D., Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., Elder Jos. L. Lemberger, Ph.M., and Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

CONCLUSION.

Our work in Japan has not been without its difficulties and discouragements, within the last three years, and yet with thankful hearts, we are able to say, neither has it been without its encouragements and blessed successes. The Board has endeavored to administer its sacred trust to the best of its ability as light and wisdom were vouchsafed by God's Holy Spirit. With thanks for mercies and encouraging results in the past, and with hopes of larger blessings upon the labors of our field in the near future, the Board would beg to commend the above statement concerning its stewardship, to the favorable consideration of your Reverend Body.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER,
Secretary.

JAS. I. GOOD,
President.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

From May 1, 1896, to April 30, 1899, Inclusive.

DR.

1896.			
May 1.	To balance.....		\$3,116 64
May	Cash received.....	\$4,895 68	
June	".....	1,456 63	
July	".....	1,997 60	
August	".....	553 70	
September	".....	1,695 83	
October	".....	2,492 53	
November	".....	1,219 04	
December	".....	1,095 44	
1897.			
January	".....	3,446 51	
February	".....	1,032 89	
March	".....	1,509 77	
April	".....	4,629 53	
			26,025 15
May	".....	6,843 20	
June	".....	1,779 54	
July	".....	1,541 72	
August	".....	451 76	
September	".....	1,625 38	
October	".....	2,436 99	
November	".....	2,284 24	
December	".....	1,532 86	
1898.			
January	".....	2,330 10	
February	".....	5,643 26	
March	".....	2,076 79	
April	".....	5,727 84	
			34,273 68
May	".....	5,902 55	
June	".....	1,951 16	
July	".....	2,072 46	
August	".....	555 07	
September	".....	1,098 04	
October	".....	2,061 25	
November	".....	1,275 81	
December	".....	906 83	
1899.			
January	".....	1,933 95	
February	".....	1,533 26	
March	".....	1,775 05	
April	".....	9,104 48	
			30,169 91
			\$93,585 38

To cash proceeds notes May 1, '96, to April 30, '97, \$44,779 38	
To cash proceeds notes May 1, '97, to April 30, '98, 36,341 97	
To cash proceeds notes May 1, '98, to April 30, '99, 49,886 01	
	<u>131,007 36</u>

\$224,592 74

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1896.			
May	By amount paid	\$1,879 40	
June	"	1,021 89	
July	"	6,193 40	
August	"	503 29	
September	"	808 18	
October	"	7,734 99	
November	"	3,263 04	
December	"	3,225 17	
1897.			
January	"	9,096 68	
February	"	15,043 69	
March	"	11,788 55	
April	"	12,426 32	
		<u>\$72,984 60</u>	
May	"	6,096 63	
June	"	3,914 14	
July	"	6,211 20	
August	"	2,925 00	
September	"	3,338 07	
October	"	8,585 32	
November	"	5,551 77	
December	"	4,820 23	
1898.			
January	"	8,866 68	
February	"	6,727 53	
March	"	3,164 16	
April	"	9,053 07	
		<u>69,253 80</u>	
May	"	5,758 35	
June	"	1,000 10	
July	"	6,033 70	
August	"	384 17	
September	"	109 38	
October	"	7,773 71	
November	"	5,876 15	
December	"	4,688 05	
1899.			
January	"	15,648 03	
February	"	10,303 69	
March	"	9,351 15	
April	"	14,087 15	
		<u>81,013 63</u>	
Balance cash in hands of Treasurer		1,340 71	
		<u>\$224,592 74</u>	

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.**SALARIES.**

Rev. Wm. E. Hoy.....	\$5,400 27	
Rev. D. B. Schneder.....	4,200 00	
Rev. J. P. Moore, D.D.....	3,737 96	
Rev. M. Oshikawa.....	1,662 50	
Rev. H. K. Miller.....	2,750 00	
Rev. S. S. Snyder.....	4,027 35	
Rev. Christopher Noss.....	3,811 89	
Miss Mary C. Hollowell.....	1,617 02	
Miss Lena Zurfluh.....	1,798 00	
Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh.....	1,042 75	
Prof. Paul Lambert Gerhart.....	1,760 42	
		<hr/> 31,808 16

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Passage money paid for missionaries to this country and return. Travelling expenses while in this country. Passage money for new missionaries. Commission on Bills of Exchange.....	4,749 85
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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Aid of sufferers. Mrs. Moore's Bible Women, etc., etc.....	\$952 76	
Rev. Wm. E. Hoy. Loss redemption.....	5,636 73	
		<hr/> 6,589 49

FOREIGN BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Oberly Memorial. Mrs. Schneder's Church. Industrial Home. Extension to Rev. D. B. Schneder's house	5,836 85
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MISSIONARY INCIDENTALS.

Appropriations	6,981 25
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INSURANCE.

Insurance on Girls' School, Ladies' Residence, Theological Seminary and Library.....	408 75
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FOREIGN HOUSE REPAIRS.

Appropriations	137 50
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FOREIGN SCHOOLS.

Miyago Jo Gakko. Appropriation.....	7,837 44
Tohoku Gakuin. Appropriation.....	12,700 00

EVANGELISTIC FUND, Bible Women, Incidental and Chapel Fund. Appropriation..

15,325 00	<hr/> 92,374 29
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INTEREST.

Caroline G. Weiser.....	1,050 00
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CHURCH TIDINGS.

Appropriations	750 00
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HOME ACCOUNTS.

SALARIES.

Secretary, Treasurer and Accountant..... 6,007 46

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Office Expenses, Secretary and Treasurer.
Travelling, Postage, Printing and Sta-
tionery. Making out Triennial Report, etc. 1,293 25
Meetings of Executive Committee. Board
meetings. Expenses to Synods and Clas-
ses 996 41

8,297 12

VALLEY NATIONAL BANK.

Notes, account of loans..... 126,200 00

\$228,671 41
Less balances on hand as reported at various times
by Rev. Wm. E. Hoy, Foreign Treasurer..... 5,419 38

\$223,252 03

RECAPITULATION.

DR.

1896.
May 1. To balance..... \$3,116 64
Cash received to April 30, 1899..... 90,468 74
Cash proceeds of notes, April 30, '99. 131,007 36

224,592 74

CR.

By cash paid to April 30, '99, all sources, 223,252 03
Balance 1,340 71

224,592 74
Proceeds of notes Valley National Bank..... 131,007 36
Interest on same..... 492 64

\$131,500 00

Amount received for the Sunday-school
Missionary support..... \$2,609 13
Amount received for the C. E. Missionary support... 3,248 35
Amount received for Girls' School from W. M. Soc., Gen. Synod:
May 1, '96, to May 1, '97..... \$2,299 04
May 1, '97, to May 1, '98..... 2,159 06
May 1, '98, to May 1, '99..... 3,136 60

\$7,594 70
Sum of appropriation for three years..... \$12,900 00
Estimate for 1899 and 1900 (including teachers' sal-
aries..... \$5,600

Running Expenses Equal to 8.1 per cent.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
COUNTY OF LEBANON, } ss.

On this fourth day of May, A.D. 1899, before me the subscriber, Henry M. Boyer, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, John K. Raudenbush, who being duly affirmed according to law, says that he is an accountant, duly qualified as such, that he has examined the books, papers, vouchers and accounts as hereinbefore stated, and finds the foregoing account to be correct and true in all respects.

J. K. RAUDENBUSH,
Accountant and Auditor.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

(L. S.)

HENRY M. BOYER,
Notary Public.

LEBANON, PA., May 1, 1899.

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to examine and audit the foregoing accounts of Jos. L. Lemberger, Treasurer, hereby certify that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the same to be correct, and that there is a balance of thirteen hundred and forty and 71-100 dollars (\$1,340.71.) in Treasurer's hands.

JACOB Y. DIETZ,
A. R. BARTHOLOMEW,
Committee of Auditors.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THREE
YEARS, MAY, 1891, TO APRIL, 1893.

	1890.	1891.	1892.
May	\$1,732 46	\$1,825 58	\$1,965 94
June	1,310 59	1,889 58	2,149 74
July	2,730 98	1,349 48	1,858 30
August	401 18	1,203 50	786 00
September	1,704 05	1,827 07	1,453 49
October	1,055 63	1,353 99	1,493 65
November	1,197 62	927 19	1,953 63
December	1,494 00	1,365 07	2,457 60
January	1,216 06	2,300 91	3,634 12
February	2,855 71	2,685 31	1,874 12
March	2,582 65	1,804 18	1,584 65
April	1,979 39	1,625 73	3,804 28
	\$20,260 32	\$19,357 29	\$25,015 52

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE
THREE YEARS, MAY, 1893, TO APRIL, 1896.

	1893.	1894.	1895.
May	\$2,084 83	\$6,191 14	\$5,632 45
June	1,339 06	982 47	2,898 87
July	2,851 36	1,546 56	1,237 31
August	1,028 71	821 86	712 09
September	1,228 51	1,504 31	1,289 62
October	2,815 28	3,506 14	2,205 95
November	1,103 35	1,457 43	1,971 32
December	1,360 35	2,636 26	2,036 34
January	2,620 41	3,569 65	2,001 73
February	2,440 88	1,418 23	1,338 95
March	5,031 81	3,513 47	1,953 07
April	5,749 52	4,560 13	6,576 91
	\$29,654 07	\$31,707 65	\$29,854 61

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE
THREE YEARS, MAY, 1896, TO APRIL, 1899.

	1896.	1897.	1898.
May	\$4,895 68	\$6,843 20	\$5,901 41
June	1,456 63	1,774 54	1,951 16
July	1,997 60	1,541 72	2,072 46
August	548 70	451 76	555 07
September	1,075 69	1,625 38	1,098 04
October	2,492 57	2,436 99	2,061 25
November	1,219 04	2,284 24	1,275 81
December	1,095 44	1,532 86	906 83
January	3,446 51	2,330 10	1,883 95
February	1,032 89	5,643 26	1,533 26
March	1,509 77	2,076 79	1,775 05
April	4,611 40	5,727 84	9,104 08
	\$25,981 92	\$34,268 68	\$30,118 37

INVESTED FUNDS, LEGACIES, ETC., OF THE BOARD,
MAY 1, 1896.

Brinker Legacy.	Judgment in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pa., No. 460, June Term, 1887, against Lewis O. Phillips, of Harrisburg, payable, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum, semi-annually, May 20, 1891, and dated May 20, 1887, being the amount of the "Brinker" legacy, \$1,609 83	
Dechant Legacy.	Five per cent. first mortgage bond, Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Lebanon, Pa., "Dechant" legacy.....	100 00
Bucher Legacy.	Five per cent. first mortgage bond, Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Lebanon, Pa., "Bucher" legacy.....	500 00
Summy Donation.	Coupon bond, common school district of the city of Harrisburg, Pa., No. 282 (4 per cent.), "Summy" donation...	100 00
Dietz Legacy.	First mortgage on Lebanon City real estate, securing the "Catharine Dietz" legacy..... \$2,000 00 And Alms House 1 cent fund of..... 1,200 00 Interest 5 per cent., payable annually.....	3,200 00
Hiviling Legacy.	First mortgage on Lebanon real estate, securing the "Sarah A. Hiviling" legacy..... \$2,887 50 To which was added of Board's revenue..... 112 50 Interest 6 per cent., payable semi-annually.....	3,000 00
Wagner Bequest	Bequest of Jacob S. Wagner, dec'd, Pottstown, Pa., Mrs. Wagner assuming the responsibility of the interest annually, of 5 per cent.....	3,000 00
McCaulley Fund.	First mortgage bond, Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad Company, securing the "McCaulley Memorial Building Fund," 5 per cent., payable semi-annually.....	500 00
		<u>\$12,009 83</u>

Oberly Legacy. Proceeds of 75 shares of the capital stock of Bethlehem Iron Company, Pa., at \$55.00, \$4,125, known as the "Jesse Oberly" legacy. Stock sold February 10, 1898.

The following are bequests of which we have record of similar character, i. e., (given without condition), and have been consumed in the work, viz:

Aug. 18, 1861.	Bequest of Geo. P. Cook.....	\$265 00
Feb. 27, 1865.	" " Eliza Brownback.....	100 00
Nov. 19, 1885.	" " Mrs. Amanda Dietzler.....	200 00
Sept. 11, 1886.	" " John Henry Bookhold.....	150 00
Feb. 9, 1887.	" " Mrs. Annie K. Uhler.....	950 00
Mar. 28, 1891.	" " Daniel Eberhard.....	500 00
June 15, 1891.	" " Elder Daniel Brosier.....	1,000 00
July 13, 1892.	" " Elder Henry Wirt.....	1,000 00
Dec. 26, 1892.	" " John Grossham.....	30 00
May 18, 1893.	" " Sarah Gutelius.....	50 00
July 3, 1893.	" " Jacob and John Kinsey.....	952 50
Oct. 6, 1893.	" " "Bolender" Estate.....	400 00
Jan. 6, 1894.	" " Miss Louise Benner.....	500 00
Mar. 31, 1894.	" " Christian Spriny.....	100 00
Oct. 9, 1894.	" " Jesse Gery.....	952 50
May 9, 1895.	" " Otis and Catharine Barnet.....	300 00
Mar. 9, 1896.	" " John D. Hottel.....	234 30

Jan. 7, 1897.	Legacy	Andrew K. Swartz.....	1,000 00
Feb. 16, 1897.	"	Mrs. Catharine Erkhardt.....	100 00
June 19, 1897.	"	Mrs. Sarah J. Houtz.....	75 00
Dec. 14, 1897.	"	Mrs. Elizabeth Reidel, death-bed bequest	50 00
July 25, 1898.	"	Agnes Shultz.....	50 00
Apr. 15, 1899.	"	Otis Barnet.....	2,000 00

LEBANON, PA., May 4th, 1899.

I hereby certify that I have examined and audited the cash books of Treasurer Jos. L. Lemberger, that the statement of the receipts and expenditures was made by me from said books, and that it is true and correct in all its details.

J. K. RAUDENBUSH,

Accountant.

*To the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
of the Reformed Church in the U. S. A.*